(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Production and demand of Raw Silk

1186. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of production and demand of raw silk during the last three years;

(b) what steps are being taken to increase the production of raw silk; and

(c) what are the details of import of raw silk during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The following table shows the details of production and demand for silk during the last three years;

Years	Production of raw silk (in tonnes)	Demand of raw silk (in tonnes)
1986-87 . . .	8,900	11,930
1987-88 . . .	9,498	12,600
1988-89 . . .	10,653	13,260

(b) To increase the production of raw silk in the country, the Central Silk Board in collaboration with 5 traditional silk producing states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir and 12 non-traditional states is implementing a National Sericulture Project with World Bank/Swiss assistance at a cost of Rs. 555.30 crores. The project envisages an increase in production by 6,000 tonnes over the next five years. Thank to the schemes under NSP and other ongoing schemes of the State and the CSB, the production of raw silk is expected to reach 21,400 tonnes by the end of 1994-95.

(c) The following table shows the imports of raw silk made during the last three years:

Years	Import of silk (in tontones) by exporters under export assistance scheme (estimated)
1986-87	1,800
1987-88	2,000
1988-89	1,500

Inter-Departmental Committee for Press Workers

1187. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up an Inter-Departmental Committee for press workers for implementing recommendations of IVth Pay Commission regarding printing staff;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee had submitted its report; if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the Committee in this regard;

(d) whether Government have accepted the report; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons and by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) In pursuance of recommendations of Fourth Central Pay Commission, an